

The Joint Council Meeting between the City of Mattoon and the City of Charleston was held Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Charleston Carnegie Public Library Rotary Room at 712 Sixth Street in Charleston, Illinois. Mayor Inyart called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

The following Council members were physically present: City of Mattoon Mayor David Cline Commissioners Rick Hall, Joe McKenzie, David Schilling. Commissioner Ervin was absent.

City of Charleston Mayor John Inyart, Council Members Jim Dunn, Jeff Lahr, and Larry Rennels. Council Member Lorelei Sims was absent.

Also physically present were Mattoon City personnel: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, City Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, Fire Chief Mike Chism, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, and City Clerk Susan J. O'Brien.

Charleston City personnel who were physically present included City Manager R. Scott Smith, Comptroller Heather Kuykendall, Director of Public Works Curt Buescher, Assistant Fire Chief Pat Goodwin, Fire Chief Kris Phipps, Parks Director Brian Jones, Police Chief Mark Jenkins, Deputy Police Chief Brian Baker, HR Director Dustha Wahls, City Planner Steve Pamperin, Technology Services Director Todd Kibler, and City Clerk Deborah Muller.

Mayor Inyart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Angela Griffin of Coles Together updated the Councils on the FutureGen project with both Presidential candidates indicating interest in clean coal projects, and made note of six late-stage economic development projects benefiting both communities. Attendees discussed FutureGen's future. Mr. Anthony Pleasant of Coles Together updated the Councils and requested additional considerations on the enterprise zone boundaries. He stated the next step was to prepare a legal description to present at a future council meeting. Attendees discussed the boundaries.

Mr. Rick Johnson, County Engineer, updated the Councils on the white topping of Rt. 121 and Dole Road to be opened October 31, 2008 and the I-57/1000 N to Rt. #130 with commencement work in the late summer of 2009. Attendees discussed the future projects.

Director Buescher reported on the sharing of equipment between the two cities and the end of the fiscal year debt reimbursement to the City of Mattoon, if applicable. He added the FEMA reimbursement of Charleston's expenses would be turned over to Mattoon. Attendees discussed the use of equipment and debt.

Manager Smith discussed the proposed long-term future development plans regarding the

boundary agreements between Charleston and Mattoon with respect to corporate boundaries, water and sewer facility service areas, zoning and building code enforcement jurisdiction within the SR-16 and CR-1000 Corridor Development Districts. Attorney & Treasurer Owen stated the agreements could be prepared for each Council for approval in the spring. Attendees discussed the proposed boundary adjustments.

Mayor Inyart opened the floor for other comments. Administrator Gilmore presented other municipalities' solid waste management contracts and elaborated on the need for city-wide recycling. Commissioner Schilling acknowledged the Doudna Fine Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University. Mayor Inyart remarked on the State's lack of mowing along Route 16 due to State budget constraints. Attendees further discussed clarifying the corporate boundaries of each city.

Commissioner Rick Hall seconded by Council Member Jim Dunn moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Mayor Inyart declared the motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk